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# St. Andrew's Church, Madras

*Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.*—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., C/o J. W. Madeley, Esq., 1, College Road, Nungambaukam.
*Kirk Session.*—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., I.S.O., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, C.I.E., W. Hutton, Esq., W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
*Organist and Choirmaster*—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144, Mount Road.
*Free School Headmistress*—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
*Dorcas Society Secretary*—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk.
*Woman's Guild Secretary*—Miss Bain, Orme's Road, Kilpauk, Acting.
*Woman's Guild Treasurer*—Mrs. H. S. Chandler, Sunnyside, Royapettah.
*Sunday School Superintendent*—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput.
*School Visitation Secretary*—Mrs. C. A. Innes, Ben's Gardens, Adyar.
*Honorary Auditor*—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput.
*Church Officer*—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.

## Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

SOLDIERS' ENTERTAINMENTS—During the Hot Weather Soldiers' Entertainments are given on the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 4 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M. from January to April, and August to December.

## Church Notes

COMING EVENTS.

1918

Christmas Eve Carol Service, 6 P.M.
Christmas Day Service, 11 A.M.
Dec. 31st, Watch Night Service, 11-15 P.M.

1919

Jan. 2nd, Dinner to Poor, 4-30 P.M.
„ 3rd, Children's Treat, 4 P.M.
„ 5th, Communion after Evening Service.

*Carol Service.*—The following is the Order of Service on Christmas Eve :—

Paraphrase 39 : Hark, the glad sound!
Prayer.
'The first Nowell'
'Darkness fell on the weary earth'
'Sweeter than Songs of summer'
'Good King Wenceslas'
Collection for Charity Fund
'Oh Babe in manger lying'
'In Excelsis Gloria'
'A Child this day is born'
'God rest you merry, Gentlemen'
BENEDICTION

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*The Choir.*—The attendance has been much larger the last month or two, and it has been a pleasure to see the increased interest in the music of the church. As mentioned elsewhere, the Choir took part in the Scottish Concert on 4th December, and acquitted themselves creditably. Their rendering of Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve will be looked forward to with interest.

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*Sunday School.*—The School closed for the Christmas Holidays on 15th December, when there was a full attendance. It re-opens on 12th January. The Children's Treat will be given on January, 3rd.

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*Mrs. D. H. Gillan.*—I received on the 15th from my wife a cable dated Edinburgh, 10th December, announcing her safe arrival.

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*Roll of Honour.*—There has been something pathetic in the appearance of Casualty Lists since the signing of the Armistice, and those of us who had friends on the Western Front have been reminded that it was too soon to be assured of their safety. In one case news of loss has actually come, the son of the Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Chandler having died in France in October. Our deep sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler in their bereavement.

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*Dorcas Society.*—The half-yearly distribution of clothing took place on Tuesday, 10th December, when garments were given out to thirty women, five men, and fifty-four children. Mrs. Innes kindly gave away the garments.

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*Soldiers' Entertainment Fund.*—A Committee was formed to provide an Armistice Dinner for British troops in Madras, and we were asked if we could contribute anything to the funds for this purpose from our Soldiers' Entertainment Fund. As there was a balance in hand, a number of subscribers were communicated with, and it was decided to give Rs. 100 to this object. The following is an extract from a letter of acknowledgment received from Mrs. Chettle, Honorary Secretary, Armistice Dinners Committee :—

"On behalf of the above Committee I thank your subscribers most heartily for their generous donation towards the dinners given to over 400 soldiers on the 9th and 10th instant. I feel sure and I think you will agree with me that if they could have seen the pleasure of the men your friends would feel that their money had been well spent."

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*Personal.*—The world over Christmas will be happier this year than last. There are many difficult problems now before mankind, and they will require boldness, wisdom, and patience for their solution. But the dreadful shadow of war has lifted. It is illuminating to read now, in so anti-German a writer as Hilaire Belloc, the estimate :—"It is no wonder that he (the enemy in August, 1914) confidently expected a complete victory before the winter, and the signing of peace before the end of the year." No wonder that in writing of the Battle of the Marne which so transformed the situation the author should say :—"The mind is insensibly haunted by the conception of a superior Will." We can do more than be "insensibly haunted": we can deliberately practise the sense of the presence of God. His is the "superior Will" that has saved the world once more; and with that salvation fresh in our remembrance we can look forward with more confidence than ever to a Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year.

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## FREE SCHOOL

*The School Demonstration.*—The pupils gave an attractive display on the afternoon of Wednesday, 11th December, since when the school has been closed for the Christmas holidays. The following was the programme of events :—

Carol—We Three Kings of Orient are— Stds. I-IV
1. Recitation...When I'm Grown Up...Gerald Hill
2. Song........Noah's Ark.....Kindergarten Classes
3. Drill..............Dumb-bells..............Senior Boys
4. Recitation...Brother Willie's Pocket... { Olive Regel
5. Song.......The Swallows..........Standards I—IV
6. Dance.........Arches.........Kindergarten Classes
7. Dance.... Eightsome Reel.........Senior Classes
8. Song .. { There's An Isle Mid the Silver Sea } Senior Classes

*Prizegiving.*—After the demonstration and the reading of the Annual Report Miss Forbes kindly presented the prizes as follows :—

*SPECIAL PRIZE LIST*

1. Catherine Dunhill Memorial prize for the best all-round girl to Phœbe Beck, Standard IV.
2. Mrs. Atkinson's prize for regular attendance to Edward Philbert, Standard II.
3. Mrs. Atkinson's prize for Needle-work to Dorothy Clarkson, Standard IV.
4. Miss Jessie Dunhill's prize for the best and cleanest boy to Oswald Crizzle, Standard II.
5. Dr. Henderson's Drill Prizes :—
   (1) Standard II to Irene Weston.
   (2) „ I to Blanche Weston
   (3) Infants to Dorothy Regel.
6. Mrs. Walker's prize for the best child in the Kindergarten Class to Gerald Hill.
7. Mrs. Innes' prize to Edward Crownshaw for being the best boy in the Manual Labour class (Mr. Fyfe's class).
8. Mrs. Innes' prize to Blanche Taylor for having passed 1st in Standard I.
9. Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell's prize to Daniel Henricus, Standard IV, for being best in Freehand Drawing.
10. Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell's prize to the best boy in Needle-work to George Seager, Standard II.
11. Prize for Recitation to Olive Regel, Standard I.

*CLASS PRIZE LIST*

STANDARD IV

First Prize ... Phœbe Beck
Second „ ... Daniel Henricus

STANDARD III

First Prize ... Bernice Clarkson
Second „ ... William Davey

STANDARD II

First Prize ... George Seager
Second „ ... Oswald Crizzle

STANDARD I

1st Prize (given by Mrs. Innes) Blanche Taylor
Second Prize ... Blanche Weston

UPPER INFANTS

First Prize ... George Burgess
Second „ ... Joseph Rocha

LOWER INFANTS

First Prize ... Mervin Crizzle
Second „ ... Gerald Hill
Regular Attendance Prize, Arthur Henricus
Writing Prize, Lydia Weston

*Report.*—The following is the correspondent's Report for 1918 :—

*Staff.*—Our Teaching Staff has been the same as last year. On November 6th of this year Miss Burgess, our First Assistant Mistress, was married, and when we re-open school for the New Year she will be much missed as she has resigned.

Our heartfelt thanks are due to her for all her painstaking efforts on behalf of the School, and our good wishes follow her in her new sphere of life as Mrs. Henricus.

*Attendance.*—The attendance of the Teaching Staff has been very good, but again the attendance of the children in many cases leaves much to be desired.

The Influenza epidemic and heavy rains have interfered much with the attendance, but still blame rests on many parents and guardians of our children, who, for little or no reason, allow and encourage their children to stay away from school.

I take this opportunity of again emphasizing the necessity of sending the children regularly to school.

*Inspections.*—The Assistant Inspector of European and Training Schools visited our School in March, and is expected to come about the same time in the coming year.

Miss Harding, Lecturer in Needle-work to Government, visited us in October and reported very favourably on the Needle-work of the whole School.

*Visitors.*—Mrs. C. A. Innes, who very kindly became our Honorary Visiting Secretary this year, has weekly, while in Madras, come to see us regularly, so cheering and helping both teachers and scholars. Our hearty thanks are due to her for thus encouraging us, but we much regret her resigning as she is going home. We are hoping that, before leaving, Mrs. Innes will appoint her successor.

*Manual Labour Training Class.*—From last cold season seven of our senior boys have been attending Mr. Fyfe's Manual Labour Training Class at the Training Centre, Egmore, where they have learnt Model Drawing and Carpentry. Mr. Fyfe has reported well of them.

*Strength.*—We are closing with sixty pupils on our rolls and expect that number or more for the coming New Year.

The School re-opens on 6th January.

*Scottish National Service.*—Few can have heard, without emotion, Mr. Meston's sympathetic sermon at the Scottish National Service on 1st December, and all must be deeply grateful for his inspiring words. The following account appeared in the *Madras Times* of 3rd December :—

The Annual Scottish National Service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Egmore, on Sunday evening. There was a large congregation, including His Excellency the Governor, and the Caledonian Society was well represented. The praise list included the familiar metrical version of Ps. cxxi (I to the hills will lift mine eyes) and the well-known Paraphrase of Rev. vii : 13 (How bright these glorious spirits shine). The lessons were from Deut. xxxiii : 1-16, and Heb. xi : 32-40. The collection was in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospitals. The preacher was the Rev. W. Meston, B.D., of the Madras Christian College, who took as his text the words (Deut. xxxiii : 13) : Blessed of the Lord be the land. After quotations from Robert Louis Stevenson, Charles Murray, and Murray McClymont, indicating that Scotland was "a land that is for ever tugging at the heart-strings of its sons and daughters" the preacher asked : "What is it in the land that has begotten this unquenchable devotion, this undying longing? How comes it that a country with an area so limited, a population so small, a soil so poor, a climate so testing and a history so stormy, how comes it that this land has won for herself the passionate love of her children, that she has sent them forth so that their line is gone out through all the earth, and that she has taken so large a share in the upbuilding, maintenance, and expansion of that glorious Empire which has once again bound us all to her by the triple bond of pride, and service, and tears ?" The answer was three-fold : "i. Scotland has taught, it has stamped in duty. Caledonia is stern and wild. Her fruits come only to him who toils . . . ii. Scotland has caught, it has ennobled feeling. What is the poetry of Scotland ? . . . . The lyric, the ballad, the song, the melody of the heart, the sparkling waters of human emotion . . . . iii. Scotland has wrought and guarded liberty." The sermon concluded with the words :—

"Blessed of the Lord be the land that has taught us duty, that has hallowed feeling, that has guarded freedom of body and of soul. Blessed be the land for the chief things of her ancient mountains and for the precious things of her lasting hills. Blessed be the land that has made real to us the goodwill of him that dwelt in the bush. And blessed be the land that calls to you and to me this night to take our stand with those who have gone before us, who have done the day's duty, who have hallowed the common things of life, who have counted it all joy to uphold the Crown rights of the Redeemer. And as we think of them and look upon the road that lies before us and listen to our country's call across the seas, is there anything that you and I can do to-night so fittingly as to take on our lips that prayer and that vow which we learned long ago and dedicate ourselves afresh to God as we say :—

O God of Bethel ! by whose hand
Thy people still are fed ;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led ;
Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace ;
God of our Fathers ! be the God
Of their succeeding race.

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*Scottish Concert.*—The postponed Scottish Concert was given on 4th December. Three bills have still to come in, but it is estimated that the nett proceeds, to be handed over to the Sale Fund, will be approximately Rs. 900. Our thanks are due to all who helped to make the Concert a success ; to the Choir and the individual performers ; to all who kindly undertook the selling of tickets ; to Messrs. Addison & Co., Messrs. Higginbothams, Ltd., and the Methodist Press for special rates of printing ; to Messrs. Misquith & Co. for providing a piano ; to donors of heather and to Mr. Houghton for supplementing the scarcity of it by providing button-holes ; to Mrs. Guy of the Maternity Hospital for allowing some of her staff to sell heather and button-holes ; and to the nurses themselves for their highly successful efforts. The accounts will be published in the next number. The following is from the *Madras Mail* of 5th December :—

Yesterday evening, the Anniversary of St. Andrew's Day was celebrated by the usual Concert under the auspices of St. Andrew's Woman's Guild. It was unavoidably postponed from the 30th November, but, judging from the large and appreciative audience, which included His Excellency the Governor, nothing was lost by the postponement.

The programme was opened by the singing of "Hail to the Chief" by the Scots Kirk Choir and under the conductorship of Mr.

Worthington Wilson. This item created the necessary Scotch atmosphere, as did also the concluding item "Duncan Gray." Mr. A. G. Elder contributed two songs, which were greatly appreciated, and for his second he had to respond to an encore. Mrs. Collyer Adam gave a very fine rendering of "Robin Adair" and on being recalled, sang "Ma Bairnie." Mrs. R. J. C. Robertson excelled herself in a spirited rendering of Schumann's "Etude Symphanique No. 12 Finale," and had to respond to an encore.

Mr. Collyer Adam, like a hardy annual, contributed one of Lauder's songs, "Queen among the Heather" and as an encore, sang "Jean McNeil." "Ae Fond Kiss" was artistically rendered by Mrs. Arthur Scott, and in response to an encore she sang Burn's "Ca'the Yowes." As Mr. J. A. Gill entered in the national costume, playing his bagpipes, he immediately appealed to the Hielan' blood in the audience, and after his selection received very hearty applause.

Mrs. Adam and Miss Muriel Johnson again contributed a duet at this year's Concert. Their choice was "The May Bells and The Flowers" which was well received. A violin solo by Mr. Worthington Wilson, who was evidently in splendid form, received an encore, and he played a Polacca, his first solo being a "Mazur."

"Annie Laurie" was sympathetically sung by Mrs. Stokes, who was recalled and repeated the last verse.

Altogether, the Concert was a most enjoyable one and thanks are due to Mesdames Powell, Robertson and Adam for their able accompaniments.

The audience joned in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King" and on His Excellency calling for three cheers for "Bonnie Scotland" a whole-hearted response was given.

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*Sale of Work and Garden Fête.*—The ladies of the Guild are to be heartily congratulated on the diligence which was everywhere in evidence at the Sale of Work on 14th December. Mr. Miller, of Messrs. Wrenn, Bennet & Co., had kindly arranged the wood-work fittings of the Stalls on Thursday, the 12th and from Friday morning they were at the disposal of stall-holders. All were richly provided with articles for sale, and the appearance of the School on Saturday afternoon was very attractive. Outside "Lord Roberts's" tent, kindly lent by the Principal of the Engineering College, was erected as a Tea Tent, and Mr. Ashworth had arranged with Sergt. Wood of the Soldiers' Club for the erection of a Cocoanut Shy, gay with bunting. The Band of the Madras Guards played an attractive programme during the afternoon. On arrival, Her Excellency Lady Pentland was presented with a bouquet by Miss Maggie Boys, and the proceedings began with two verses of the Hundredth Psalm, Mrs. Boys presiding at the Organ. Her Excellency opened the Sale in a sympathetic speech and visited the various stalls. The attendance of the general public seemed smaller than last year, in spite of the fine weather: possibly the later date and other circumstances provided counter attractions and claims: possibly the four-fold object of the Sale made less appeal than the Hospital Ship *Madras* last year. At all events, though a good deal was sold and some stalls completely cleared, a good deal remained unsold. It is estimated that approximately Rs. 6,000 will be realized, including donations and the proceeds of the Scottish Concert.

Our grateful thanks are due to very many. To Her Excellency Lady Pentland, President of the Woman's Guild, for opening the Sale and for her kindly interest. To stall-holders (including collectors) and their assistants and friends for working so hard and so well. To Mr. Miller for his help with the stalls and decoration of the school; to Mr. Shaw, of Messrs. Siemens Brothers, for the electric lighting of the Tea Tent; to Messrs. G. D'Angelis & Son for help with chairs, crockery, etc.; to Sergt. Wood and his band of helpers for erecting and "running" the Cocoanut Shy. To many donors (too numerous to mention individually) of tea, cigars and cigarettes, sugar, sweets, jams, tinned fish, books, knick-knacks, novelties, and many other articles. To Mr. David Annan, who kindly acted as Treasurer for the Sale and Cashier for the day.

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Baptism

*" Suffer little children to come unto Me."*

1st December, 1918.—James Crossan, son of Thomas Crossan and Jean Goold Hyslop.

### Burials

*" I am the Resurrection and the Life."*

8th December, 1918.—Mary Ann Vanderholt, 66 years. St. Andrew's Cemetery.
16th December, 1918.—Maria Maddox, 76 years. Kilpauk General Cemetery.

## CHURCH ACCOUNTS

*I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for November, 1918*

| Receipts | Rs. | A. | P. | Disbursements | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Government Grant ... ... | 109 | 0 | 0 | To Communion Elements ... | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Seat Rents ... ... ... | 95 | 0 | 0 | „ Church Choir for Oct., 1918 ... | 165 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Special Collection St. Andrew's Tamil Church ... ... | 52 | 12 | 9 | „ „ Estabt. „ „ ... | 176 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Church Collections ... ... | 298 | 0 | 4 | „ „ Servants' War batta for October, 1918 ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Organ Practice ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | „ Organ Blowers ... ... | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Grazing (October) ... ... | 12 | 0 | 0 | „ W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Special Collection, 13th Nov. 1918 ... | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Refunds ... ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | „ Compound, re-potting, manure, etc. ... ... ... | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Govt. refund School Account cash ... ... ... | 1,230 | 0 | 0 | „ M. E. S. Co. Current for Oct.'18.. | 9 | 4 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Methodist Printing House Bill No. 459 ... ... | 11 | 4 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Postage Rs. 2-6, petty cash Rs. 3 ... ... ... | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | Balance Cr. this Account ... | 1,243 | 5 | 1 |
| Total ... | 1,816 | 13 | 1 | Total ... | 1,816 | 13 | 1 |

*II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for November, 1918*

| Receipts | Rs. | A. | P. | Disbursements | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Subscriptions ... ... | 8 | 0 | 0 | To Teachers and Establishment ... | 195 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Refund ... ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | „ Food Account ... ... | 71 | 11 | 0 |
| „ Government Grant (fixed) 1918-1919 ... ... ... | 1,230 | 0 | 0 | „ Laundry ... ... ... | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| „ Cash ... ... ... | 252 | 12 | 3 | „ Refund to Kirk Session a/c. ... | 1,230 | 0 | 0 |
| Total ... | 1,500 | 12 | 3 | Total ... | 1,500 | 12 | 3 |

H. BOYS,
*Church Clerk.*

D. H. GILLAN,
*Senior Chaplain.*

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